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Busker. Festival



► Australian performer Alakazam balances a blade on his face while juggling small swords during the opening night of the 25th annual Halifax International Busker Festival on Thursday. The fest continues through Aug. 14.

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Blades of glory a pretty sharp act

Tears for Norway in HRM

► Signatures in book of condolences express local grief ► Seventy-seven died in massacre



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and Nova Scotia.

“I’m very grateful that many of the local people showed up to appreciate Norway,” she said, referring to the public and the many Canadian and Norwegian war veterans who participated in the ceremony.

On Thursday evening, she was able to gain a little more closure.

“It’s a very emotional thing, but you have to look forward,” said Odland-Nobbe, standing outside St. Mark’s Anglican Church just after a memorial service in honour of the 77 people massacred in Oslo.

Odland-Nobbe, whose parents hail from Haugesund, Norway, was overwhelmed by the support from the community in Halifax

“We will all never be the same.”

ANNA ODLAND-NOBBE, MOURNER

About 175 people came to the service to express their condolences.

Their voices rang through the building during the singing of both the Canadian and Norwegian national anthems, as well as many hymns.



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Inmates cause havoc

Jail guards used stun guns to subdue prisoners after a disturbance broke out at the Cape Breton Correctional Centre in Sydney on Thursday.

The incident, which began shortly after midnight, involved three prisoners and lasted for about three hours.

The Justice Department says the prisoners began damaging property in a 13-bed dormitory, fashioned makeshift weapons and barricaded the doors.

Cape Breton police and paramedics were called in but there were no injuries.

Officials say it's not clear what sparked the outburst.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Renters urged to use caution

Students and renters, beware of apartment scams, warns the Better Business Bureau.

Some ads for cheap apartments in desirable areas on websites such as Kijiji and Craigslist could be money-grabbing schemes.

The BBB says to watch out for suspicious ads and interactions that might be too good to be true, and for landlords who don't live in Halifax, prefer email communication and require substantial deposits before showing properties.

Reports from consumers have pushed the BBB to issue a warning before the September renting rush. **RACHEL WARD**



A connector runs through it

- St. Margaret's Bay Road connector OK'd despite residents' concerns
- 150-year-old house to be relocated to make room for twinning project



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"The connector road is going to be convenient for the public, for the community as a whole. And I can assure local residents that they're not going to be adversely affected because of the location." BILL ESTABROOKS

Estabrooks said it was the best option.

"(The connector) is in that particular location because of convenience, because of the number of people it will serve and also because of environmental concerns," Estabrooks told reporters. "There are no

homes that are going to be destroyed, there's one home that is going to be moved.... So, all those things weighed, this would be my choice."

The residence that will be directly affected was built in 1846, and it's right across the street from Sean

Kirby's home. Kirby has led a year-and-a-half-long battle to convince the province to choose another option.

"(The decision) really is quite a shock," Kirby said Thursday. "It doesn't make sense to anyone that the government would build a connector road right through a neighbourhood when it admits it has three other potential routes."

Kirby said he will continue his fight — and noted there's a provincial election between now and when construction is slated to begin in 2014.

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► Event marks fifth year celebrating all things beer ► Over 200 different kinds showcased from around the world



Two hundred types of beer on the pier.

That's exactly what you'll find at the fifth annual Seaport BeerFest, running Friday and Saturday at the Halifax Seaport.

Brewers from near and far will set up shop along the street connecting the Seaport Farmer's Market to Pier 21 for three two-and-a-half-hour tasting sessions. And, according to organizers, over 2,000 people have already bought tickets to get a taste.

"The site is bigger, there's more beer, there's more space for more people," said co-organizer Bruce Mansour.

"But you don't want to take your chances. Last year we had to turn people away, literally, on Friday and Saturday night."

Despite a larger crowd, Mansour said the fundamentals of running a beer fest remain the same: Short lines for beer and short lines for the washrooms. To that end, organizers have expanded the size of the site to hold a maximum of 4,500 to 5,000 people.

But it's not all about the beer. OK, it's mostly about the beer, but there's also a selection of local restaurants and caterers offering pulled-pork buns, house-made sausages and Nova Scotia mussels.



► Bruce Mansour, co-organizer of the Halifax Seaport BeerFest, poses for a photo on Thursday with a few of the over 200 beers that will be available at the festival.

And just like every year, organizers are offering some sage advice to revelers: It's a beer festival, not bacchanalia, so drink responsibly.

For more information,

visit the Seaport BeerFest website at seaportbeerfest.com.



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"The site is bigger, there's more beer, there's more space for more people."

CO-ORGANIZER BRUCE MANSOUR

Local Brews

► Maritime brewers: While the attention may be on rare and foreign suds, the Seaport BeerFest

also offers 39 distinct varieties of beer from Maritime brewers, including Moosehead, Rockbottom, Pumphouse and Garrison.

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► Education Minister Ramona Jennex colours with primary student Shanice Carvery-Vidito at St. Catherine's School in this file photo from April.

Integrity of school board questioned

► N.S. taking hard look at South Shore Regional School Board ► It has disbanded dysfunctional boards before

Nova Scotia's Education Department has ordered a review of one of its school boards after some of its members were accused of trying to avoid a public discussion on possible school closures.

Education Minister Ramona Jennex announced the review Thursday after allegations arose that some members of the South Shore Regional School Board tried to derail an open discussion on the future of 12 schools before a March 30 meeting.

She said the accusations

10 Ramona Jennex said they are in the final stages of drafting the review's terms of reference and expects to have recommendations within 10 weeks after it starts.

ried out back-room meetings to convince others to vote against a review of the 12 schools.

Board chairman Elliott Payzant said he was pleased with the decision to review the board, adding that the allegations have stymied the board's work.

"People do have a right to question just how the board functions because I think it's very improper for a public board such as the school board to make decisions behind the scenes," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

raise questions about the board's integrity, and its ability to work effectively and follow sound decision-making practices.

"I consider this to be an extremely serious situation," she said.

There are allegations some board members car-

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News in brief

Woman tumbles over embankment

ACCIDENT. A woman has been treated for injuries after falling off a cliff in Glace Bay.

Cape Breton regional police say this happened in the 11th Street area on Wednesday night.

Police say they got a call from family members that a woman in her 50s had tumbled over an embankment as she was looking at the shore. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Police seize illegal smokes, arrest two men

GRAND FALLS. Two men from the Truro area face charges under the Excise Act after police seized

200,000 illegal cigarettes in New Brunswick.

RCMP say they stopped a minivan on the Trans-Canada Highway in Grand Falls on Wednesday. They say the smokes were packed in cartons in the back of the vehicle.

A 22-year-old man and a 20-year-old man are scheduled to appear in Grand Falls provincial court on Nov. 1.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Antigonish opens home for disabled

SOCIALIZE. A new home for people with disabilities has opened in eastern Nova Scotia.

The provincial government says the L'Arche home in Antigonish will help eight people work and socialize as independently as possible. The home's residents will live together but each will have their own bedroom.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ex-bishop had rare porn stash, court hears

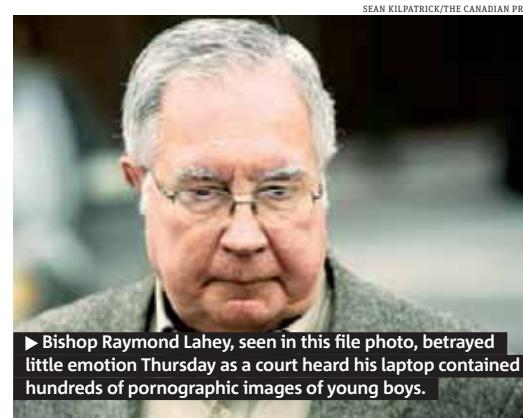
► Lawyer argues Lahey not a 'sophisticated' collector ► Out of 155,000 images in his possession, 588 classified as child pornography: Testimony

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Ex-bishop Raymond Lahey will wait until December to hear his final sentence on possession of child pornography, following a Thursday morning hearing in Ottawa.

The former head of the Antigonish diocese was arrested in September 2009 after a search at the Ottawa airport uncovered images and videos of child pornography on his laptop.

Lahey's clothing was slightly rumpled and he sat looking at the witness box, never turning to see the mostly empty public gallery.



► Bishop Raymond Lahey, seen in this file photo, betrayed little emotion Thursday as a court heard his laptop contained hundreds of pornographic images of young boys.

Det. Andrew Thompson produced a forensic analysis report on 588 images — but also examined pornographic videos and stories. He said it was rare to find all forms of pornography in one collection.

"We haven't come across that very often," he

"The explicit images, torture and stuff like that, are disturbing."
DET. ANDREW THOMPSON

said. Defence lawyer Solomon Friedman cross-examined him, attempting to prove that Lahey was not a "sophisticated" collector of child pornography.

Thompson agreed with Friedman that many of the images were "borderline" because they could be of young adults with childlike appearances.

The next hearings will take place Dec. 19 and 20 in Ottawa, when a psychiatrist will testify.



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DISPUTED CONTRACTS

I signed deals while drunk: Mayor

The mayor of a town in New Mexico says he was drunk when he signed nine contracts with a California company that is now suing the city for \$1 million, according to a deposition in the case.

"The day I signed, I had way too much to drink. It was after 5 p.m. and I signed it (the contracts) and I didn't know what I was signing," Sunland Park Mayor Martin Resendiz wrote in response to questions

from lawyers for the architectural design firm Synthesis+. "My sister had to pick me up."

The lawsuit claims the company is owed \$1 million for work performed under the nine contracts, according to a report Thursday in the Albuquerque Journal. Sunland Park contends the contracts were not valid because they weren't approved by the city council.

Resendiz is a former El Paso, Texas, police officer and Sunland Park municipal judge. He has been mayor since March 2008 and has said he plans to seek the Democratic nomination to challenge Republican U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce.

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Happy 50th birthday, Mr. President

With the arduous debt talks behind him, U.S. President Barack Obama celebrated his 50th birthday at the White House on Thursday with a Rose Garden party, a toast from his senior staff and some good-natured ribbing from his wife.

After spending the morning working in the Oval Office, the president

headed to the Blue Room of the White House for a celebration with top aides. Later, Obama was celebrating with family and friends, including some who came in from his hometown of Chicago, in the Rose Garden.

Even on her husband's birthday, Michelle Obama couldn't resist poking fun at his greying hair in a campaign email with the subject line "Gray Hairs," in which she asked supporters to sign an electronic birthday card.

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Heartbreakers beware

- Cheaterville.com allows users to accuse others of infidelity
- Site currently has 10,000 profiles of alleged cheaters

For those with an itch to cheat, there's a new reason to think twice before sneaking around — unless you want to risk being outed online.

Cheaterville.com, a U.S.-based website that made its way to Canada last month, allows anonymous users to post stories accusing friends, enemies, coworkers, ex-lovers and acquaintances of infidelity. The site currently has about 10,000 profiles of alleged cheaters, which include full names, ages, hometowns, marital statuses, photos and other information.

The infidelity stories are not verified but that doesn't worry founder and CEO James McGibney.

"There's lots of things on the Internet and not everything is validated. At the end of the day, it's up to the person who's reading the post to determine whether

You absolutely get what you deserve. We're here for the people who have been cheated on, not the cheaters.

JAMES MCGIBNEY,
CHEATERVILLE.COM FOUNDER
AND CEO

it's true or not," said McGibney, noting that the site is moderated and posts with nude photos, personal phone numbers or credit card information are not allowed.

McGibney launched the site on Valentine's Day in Las Vegas and it has been gaining popularity since then.

A former U.S. marine, McGibney says he decided to start Cheaterville.com after a fellow marine found out his wife had been cheating on him during his deployment. Less than six months later, the site gets about 250,000 hits on a slow day, and McGibney hopes that it will soon reach a solid five million weekly hits.

Critics, however, argue the site provides angry exes with an outlet to spread false information, ruin careers and break up families.

One Canadian listed on Cheaterville.com, who wished to remain unnamed, denied the accusations and said the site has no business publicizing private matters. The allegations could cause families enormous distress and ruin professional reputations, the accused added.

● MARIANA IONOVIA



► Screenshot of Cheaterville.com founder and CEO James McGibney.

Accused?

If you do by chance find yourself wrongly accused on Cheaterville.com, don't expect the website to take the post down.

► Founder James McGibney says they don't play judge or jury. "We don't decide whether we believe that someone's telling the truth about an alleged cheater or not," he said.

► According to Internet and defamation lawyer Gil Zvulony says the legalities aren't clear.

lon, if the accusations are both false and damaging, it could become a libel suit. But suing the website might not get you very far. While the defamation laws in Canada are different from the U.S.'s, Zvulony says the legalities aren't clear.

► "It's certain in the U.S. they're immune from liability; it's uncertain in Canada," he said. "The law is completely different here, it's sort of uncharted territory. The law is not clear where websites may be liable or not."



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Victim's sister: Tobin accident left 'huge hole'

The sister of Alex Zolpis says she still wakes up in tears and relies on a prescription to sleep since her brother was killed last Christmas Eve.

"There will always be a huge hole in my world where Alex should be," Meaghan Zolpis said in her victim-impact statement Thursday at the sentencing hearing of Jack Tobin.

Tobin, son of former Newfoundland premier Brian Tobin, pleaded guilty in May to impaired driving causing death.

On Dec. 24, according to an agreed statement of facts, Tobin, Alex Zolpis and other friends had been drinking when they got into Tobin's truck. He drove to the roof of a parking garage and began doing

"doughnuts." Zolpis fell out of the truck and was pinned underneath.

He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Tobin's lawyer, Norman Boxall, said he is seeking a sentence of 18 to 30 months, citing his client's remorse and immediate willingness to plead guilty. Crown prosecutor Mark Moors recommended five years in prison and a 10-year driving ban.

Previous incidents, like another round of parking-lot horseplay in which a friend fell off Tobin's vehicle, should have served as a "wake-up call," Moors said.

The court also heard victim-impact statements from Zolpis's mother, Susan Morgan, and his girlfriend, Emma Roberts. In addition, it heard several letters attesting to Tobin's good character.

The sentencing hearing continues Friday.

● STEVE COLLINS

Penguin earns following

► Wayward animal becomes web star ► Happy Feet gives viewers 'comfort'

Happy Feet is now a creature of the Internet age.

The wayward emperor penguin, discovered on a New Zealand beach six weeks ago, will soon be returned to the wild — but not before he picked up an online following of more than 120,000.

That's how many unique visitors have logged onto a web camera monitoring his every move. Thousands more are expected to follow the updates after he's released in coming weeks, with feeds from a GPS tracker attached to his back posted online.

And then there's the chatter on social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter.

His followers don't seem bothered that Happy

Feet, nicknamed after the 2006 animated movie, does little more than eat, sleep and occasionally waddle.

"At 11:20 p.m. in New Zealand, Happy Feet was sound asleep with his left foot and flipper sticking out," one Facebook fan wrote. "Five minutes later, he pulled in his left foot and flipper and just got up!"

The penguin was found June 20 on Peka Peka Beach, about 65 kilometres northwest of Wellington and far from his Antarctic feeding grounds. He was moved four days later to the Wellington Zoo after becoming ill from eating sand, which he likely mistook for snow.

He has since gained weight and been given a



clean bill of health to return to the ocean.

His unusual journey captured worldwide interest, with local station TV3 setting up a webcam on June 30 in his small, ice-filled room at the zoo.

The phone calls began coming in soon after, even prompting the zoo one night to send a veterinarian to check on the pen-

guin after the station was swamped by worried callers convinced Happy Feet had died, zoo spokeswoman Kate Baker said. It turned out the penguin was sleeping.

One woman wrote an email to TV3 saying she was ill but taking "a lot of comfort in simply watching the penguin."

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GROWING DREAMS



Teriano, a member of the Maasai tribe of Kenya, has been studying in Toronto for four years. She plans to return to Africa, where she has big dreams of helping her people.

At first glance, Teriano doesn't seem much different from any of thousands of other Ryerson University students. She wears the standard jeans-and-windbreaker

uniform, spends most of her time studying and posts pictures of outings and friends on Facebook.

But in fact, Teriano, a fourth-year so-

cial-work student, has a remarkable story that shows how the smallest act can have a huge impact.

Teriano was born a member of the Maasai tribe in southern Kenya and immediately promised in marriage to a man who was already 27 years old. "My mother married the same way, my grandma and everybody else. It was just normal to be booked for marriage and to get married at 13 or 14," she explains. "It almost happened to me."

It didn't, because when she was four years old an Australian family sponsored her through World Vision. That meant that after she had completed primary school, she was able to attend high school, and then college for a year in Nairobi. "No girl in my village had ever gone to college or university," she recalls. While her father was baffled by her ambition and bound by the marriage deal he'd made, Teriano convinced him to break it, and to let her go.

She came to Canada four years ago and plans to stay to finish a Masters degree. And her dreams keep growing along with her horizons.

For example, she wants to help women in her village start business cooperatives

so that they can support themselves and their families. She'd like to set up a community fund to enable other youth in her village – particularly girls – to go to high school and college. She wants to find out how the Maasai, who raise livestock, can become more efficient farmers.

"I thought, maybe I could talk to farmers in Canada and ask, 'How do you do it?' Information like that could transform our community."

A year and a half ago, Teriano visited her village in Kenya. Four hundred people came to a celebration to honour her. She was amazed. "There were speeches. People blessed me, and said they admired me. Young people said, 'We can do it because you did it.'

"There had been some families in my village who said, 'I will never take my girls to school, only my boys.' That day, I saw their girls in school and thought, 'Yes!'"

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Khadr gives law team boot

With just months to go before his return to Canada, convicted war criminal Omar Khadr has booted his two longtime Edmonton-based lawyers.

Khadr reportedly has hired Toronto-based lawyers John Norris and Brydie Bethall.

Khadr was convicted a year ago in Guantanamo Bay after pleading guilty to war crimes he committed as a 15-year-old in Afghanistan. For years, Dennis Edney and Nate Whiting championed his cause, including winning a legal battle to get the courts to declare the federal government had violated Khadr's rights.

Khadr is due to be returned to Canada this fall to serve out the remainder of the eight-year term he was given by the military commission.

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29,000 Somalian kids dead: U.S.

► More than 1,000 arrive daily to refugee camp in Dadaab, Kenya ► Most fleeing fighting and hunger

The drought and famine in Somalia have killed more than 29,000 children under the age of five, according to U.S. estimates, the first time such a precise death toll has been released related to the Horn of Africa crisis.

The United Nations has said previously that tens of thousands of people have died in the drought, the worst in Somalia in 60 years.

The UN says 640,000 Somali children are acutely malnourished, a statistic that suggests the death toll of small children will rise.

Nancy Lindborg, an official with the U.S. government aid arm, told a congressional committee

in Washington on Wednesday that the U.S. estimates that more than 29,000 children under the age of five have died in the last 90 days in southern Somalia.

That number is based on nutrition and mortality surveys verified by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The UN on Wednesday declared three new regions in Somalia famine zones, bringing the total number to five.

Out of a population of roughly 7.5 million, the UN says 3.2-million Somalis are in need of immediate lifesaving assistance.

Getting aid to Somalia has been made more difficult because al-Qaida

linked militants control much of the country's most desperate areas.

Al-Shabab has denied that a famine is taking place, and won't give access to the World Food Program, the world's biggest provider of food aid.

Tens of thousands of refugees have fled south-central Somalia in hopes of finding food at camps in Ethiopia, Kenya and in Mogadishu, the Somali capital.

Already hundreds of millions of dollars have been donated to fight the sweeping hunger crisis, but the UN says it needs hundreds of millions more.

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► A malnourished child is seen at a field hospital of the International Rescue Committee in Dadaab, Kenya. The camp is designed for 90,000 people but now houses around 440,000 refugees, most of whom are from war-ravaged Somalia.



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Mubarak evidence sorted

A day after the start of Hosni Mubarak's historic trial, seven of his co-defendants were back in the courtroom Thursday on charges of complicity in the killing

of protesters during the uprising that toppled Egypt's longtime president.

The hearing of former interior minister Habib el-Adly and six top police officials was broadcast live on Egyptian state television.

The seven first appeared in court on Wednesday in the same defendants' cage with Mubarak and his two

parent Gamal and businessman Alaa — in a related case that is tried by the same judge. The Mubaraks' trial resumes Aug. 15.

interior minister for more than a decade, in charge of the country's 500,000-strong security forces.

Some of the worst human-rights abuses during Mubarak's 29 years in office are blamed on el-Adly and his police force.

The judge gave the lawyers a week to examine the evidence before hearings resume on Aug. 14. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

El-Adly was Mubarak's

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MARKET MAYHEM

Stocks plunge, fear takes hold

North American stock markets took a hammering Thursday as investors grew ever more

pessimistic about the economy.

The composite index on the Toronto stock exchange plunged 435.89 points to 12,380.13, its biggest one-day decline since June 2009. New York markets also fell hard, with the Dow Jones industrial average tumbling 512.76 points to

11,383.68. And recent reports show that U.S. manufacturing, consumer spending and hiring are below healthy levels.

"The evidence suggests there is now the risk of a serious economic slowdown," said Sid Mokhtari, market technician at CIBC World Markets. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

That's one heckuva Caddy shack

► GM upgrading Oshawa plant to roll out new Cadillacs next year ► Says plant will play critical role in transformation of the fabled luxury car

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General Motors will invest \$117 million to refit its assembly plant in Oshawa, Ont., to build the new Cadillac XTS next year.

GM said Thursday that the move will create or save 400 jobs on the flexible assembly line in Oshawa, site of the company's Canadian headquarters and main car-making operations.

The plant has had major changes in the past year, with new vehicle models and expanded production that has added two shifts and 1,300 jobs. It builds many GM models, from the Impala and Camaro to the Chevrolet Equinox and Buick Regal, and employs more than 4,500 people.

The Cadillac XTS is being designed to compete against other luxury cars, a highly competitive market. Production is planned to start next year.

General Motors Co. said Thursday that its second-quarter profit nearly doubled to \$2.5 billion US as it got higher prices for its cars and trucks worldwide.

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► A worker moves a door into position for a 2012 Chevrolet Volt at the General Motors Hamtramck Assembly plant in Hamtramck, Mich.

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Pressure's on Piers

► British lawmakers call on Morgan to answer questions over scandal

CNN's celebrity interviewer Piers Morgan faced calls Thursday to return to Britain to explain what he knows about the country's phone-hacking scandal, although the 46-year-old star didn't seem in any hurry to go home.

The heat was turned up on Morgan when Heather Mills, the ex-wife of Paul McCartney, accused newspaper group Trinity Mirror PLC of accessing her voicemail messages. Morgan edited the company's flagship Daily Mirror newspaper between 1995 and 2004.

Some lawmakers have called on Morgan to return



► Piers Morgan

to Britain to answer questions about the scandal, but his spokeswoman, Meghan McPartland, said he had no immediate plans to leave for Britain.

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Air Canada has been fined \$50,000 US by the U.S. Department of Transportation for violating "deceptive price advertising" rules in online ads.

"When passengers buy

an airline ticket, they have a right to know how much they will have to pay," U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said in a news release Thursday announcing the fine.

The government agency found that Canada's largest carrier displayed ads on its websites in early 2011 that didn't disclose taxes and fees tacked onto advertised fares. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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The deadline for receiving applications is September 1.

Applications are available at www.pvsc.ca or can be picked up at any Property Valuation Services Corporation (PVSC) Office or by calling 1-800-380-7775.

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Feds creating \$2B agency

About 8,000 public-sector tech workers are being wrapped into a new \$2-billion federal agency in an effort to streamline Ottawa's sprawling and disjointed information-technology systems.

In a move the Conservative government calls "long overdue," a hodgepodge of email systems, data centres and networks will be consolidated under one virtual roof. "This is a whole new way of doing business for the government," said Tony Clement, the president of the Treasury Board.

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1 **People For Good:** The People For Good campaign running in large cities in Canada on transit shelters, buses, billboards and the like encourages people to, well, do good. The brains behind it have no ulterior motives, they just wanted to start a positive social movement. Check out their website, peopleforgood.ca, or download their People For Good iPhone app. Then go out and do good.

2 **Ashley picks ... J.P.I.:** So J.P. proposed and Ashley said "Yes!" on the Bachelorette finale

Monday. Only time — or the "dot dot dot" (thanks Bentley) — will tell whether they make it to the altar, as the batting average of couples who actually stay together from past Bachelor seasons is something like .150.

3 **Atwood for Mayor:** A public feud between Margaret Atwood and Toronto Coun. Doug Ford (Mayor Rob's older bro) that began over public libraries (he wants to close branches to save \$\$\$; she says no way) has led Atwood supporters to begin a cheeky, viral "Atwood for Mayor" campaign on social media and around Toronto. Atwood's not biting: "Noo, not running for Mayor... too old. Used to think Too Ignorant, but that hasn't stopped some. :D Appreciate the kind thoughts however!" she tweeted out to her 235,000 followers.

4 **Kings of Leon in trouble?**: Frontman Caleb Followill walked off the stage in Dallas last weekend, citing heat exhaustion, and didn't return. In an act of commendable transparency, his brother, bassist Jared, sent out a couple tweets: "Dallas, I cannot begin to tell you how sorry I am. There are internal sicknesses & problems that have needed to be addressed. No words," and "I love our fans so much. I know you guys aren't stupid... There are problems in our band bigger than not drinking enough Gatorade." The band has cancelled the rest of its U.S. tour., and apparently wants Caleb to go to rehab to address his drinking problems.

5 **The Change-Up opens:** This body-switching comedy starring Jason Bateman and Canada's Ryan Reynolds starts Friday, with Bateman playing an overworked lawyer, hubby and dad, and Reynolds a single man-child. Think an alpha-male version of *Freaky Friday* on steroids, and you've got a couple of escapist hours of outrageous, over-the-top hijinks.

6 **MTV turns 30:** MTV turned 30 earlier this week and for a time had the impact on the music industry that Rolling Stone magazine did when it launched in 1967. In recent memory, of course, it has become much more about pop culture than the music, but college kids still want their MTV. They just watch it while also listening to iTunes and checking out YouTube videos.

7 **Neil Armstrong:** Happy 81st birthday to the first man to walk on the moon on July 20, 1969. To celebrate, since Armstrong shares a birthday with Adam Yauch from the Beastie Boys, may we suggest a listen of *Intergalactic*?

8 **Robbie Alomar:** His No. 12 is now hanging from the rafters at Rogers Centre after being retired. Hope the next celebration he can be a part of is another Jays World Series. 2012 will be their year.

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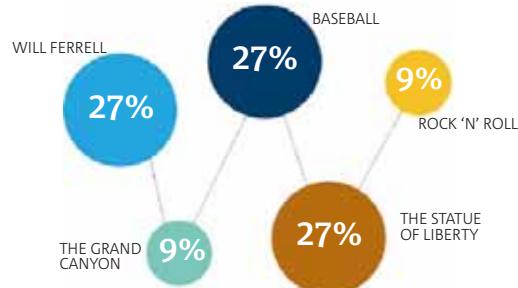
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Local tweets

- **@dpiddee:** rage @ halifax weather
- **@SteveDinn:** Just passed a homeless(?) guy on Spring Garden Road, holding out a cup while texting on his smartphone.
- **@KajouKeket:** Come on weather: help a city out. It's #buskers! You can't rain out buskers! #halifax
- **@novascotiarasta:** #Halifax police are out in force giving tickets at road checks, on #3 , 103, 102.. Ask me how I know :-(#hfxtraffic @C100FM
- **@elliebramah:** Things I

learned this morning: #dartmouth seems to have an infestation of icky slugs and Boyfriend has a hard time spelling cacciatoe. ► **@HalifaxFests:** #Halifax weather - Cloudy with a chance of falling Buskers www.buskers.ca ► **@zenbsolutions:** Up bright and early in anticipation of my road trip! #Halifax #PeggysCove #shopping #buskers Woot! ► **@KimiSaysWhat:** Someone's shed was struck by lightning a street away in Cole Harbour last night. Heard no one was hurt, but there was fire.

Worth mentioning

JERRY LEWIS. Comedian Jerry Lewis and the Muscular Dystrophy Association aren't saying why they're fully parting ways after 45 years and raising more than \$1 billion for the non-profit through its annual telethon.

But the 85-year-old comedian told reporters last week that he plans to hold a press conference the day after this year's telethon to talk about what he thinks is important.

When pressed by a reporter about his role with the telethon, Lewis said: "It's none of your business."

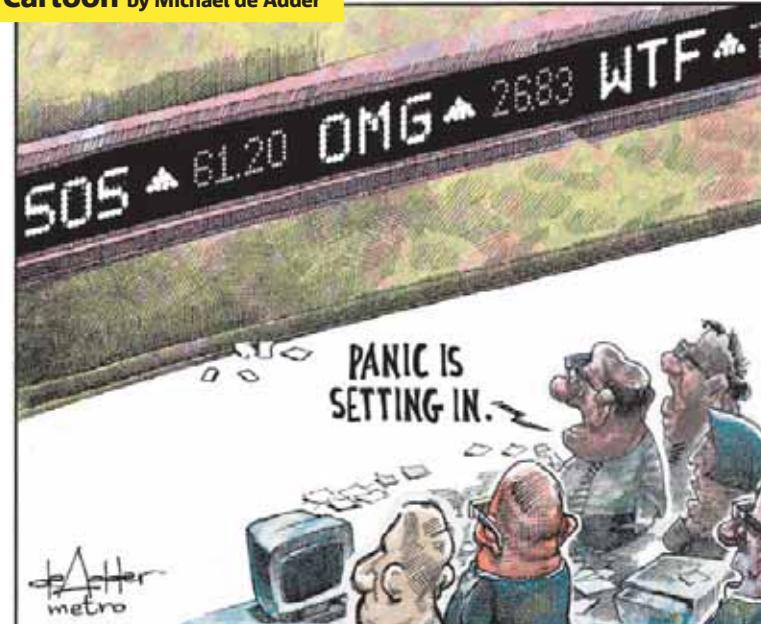
The association announced Wednesday that Lewis was no longer its national chairman and he would not appear on the telethon this year.

In May, Lewis said in a statement issued through the association that he would make his final appearance on the telethon this year and sing You'll Never Walk Alone during a six-hour prime-time broadcast scheduled for Sept. 4.

When asked what he'd have to do to be satisfied with his life, Lewis said: "Get the cure for muscular dystrophy, then I'm fine."

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

You don't need to get a bee in your bonnet, but ...

It was a traffic accident with an added sting.

RCMP officers had to close an Alberta highway Thursday after a truck carrying honey bees rolled into the ditch.

Mounties say the contents of 104 hives spilled onto both sides of the two-lane road southeast of Edmonton.

Police say the accident happened when one of the truck's wheels dropped over the highway's shoulder into the ditch. The flatbed rolled onto

its side and skidded several hundred metres when the driver over-corrected in his attempt to get the wheel back on the road.

The owner of the bees arrived on the scene and advised the fire department to spray a mixture of water and foam. RCMP say that killed a lot of the buzzers and brought the situation down to a "manageable level."

The owner also arranged for several of his workers to help clean up. The surviving hives were loaded into two separate vehicles and taken back to their home.

The escapees are European honey bees, which aren't nearly as aggressive as potentially deadly African honey bees, which are known to pursue, swarm and sting. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Plot synopsis

In modern day San Francisco, co-geneticist James Franco develops a cure for Alzheimer's which when tested on chimps gives them extraordinary intelligence. When he rescues a baby chimp from his lab after an experiment gone wrong, the ape, named Caesar, uses his newfound smarts to begin a revolution between humans and apes. This ape is mad as hell and he's not going to take it anymore.

Ratings:
Richard: Mark:



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Apes remake lacks soul

► *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* is full of action, but loses the camp appeal of the original ► Crouse and Breslin concur: this classic was better left untouched

Richard: Mark, I love *Planet of the Apes*. I've seen the original and the sequels countless times but I don't think *Rise* will find its way to my Blu ray shelf. I liked the action and some of the monkey business was very cool, but honestly, I wish they would have kept their stinking hands off my beloved damn dirty apes.

MB: Yes, Richard, one tinkers with a masterpiece at one's own peril. And I can't help but miss the elements that made the original franchise so great, mostly the heavy-handed irony, satiric wit, and that the apes talked!!! These apes are just too real, grunting away like a bunch of...apes. Although,

even the CGI isn't perfect. In some shots, Caesar, the lead ape, looks like an overgrown Beanie Baby.

RC: I thought Andy Serkis's performance-capture work as alpha ape Caesar was both one of the movie's strengths and weaknesses. No doubt his facial expressions, particularly the use of his eyes, add much to the character but the computer generated imagery used to bring Caesar to life, while often impressive, lacks an organic feel. The Roddy McDowell era apes were obviously fake — sometimes painfully so — but somehow they had more soul.

MB: I don't know about

you, but I found the story — *Science Experiment Gone Awry!* — cheesy and derivative, but I did enjoy Caesar's antics in James Franco's house, which were pure kinetic poetry. But I suspect the entire movie exists for the last 20 minutes when the apes run amok in San Francisco. Genuinely thrilling, for me. Did you think Franco is really the reason to see the movie?

RC: No, I don't think Franco or Freida Pinto are reason enough to see the movie. It's all about the monkey business. When the revolution begins the movie kicks into gear and becomes the movie the trailers promised. Some of

the action is a bit too showy — since when can apes do martial arts? — but the scene of Caesar on horseback leading the charge against the heavily fortified cops is a real crowd pleaser but for my money it took WAY too long to get to the good stuff.

MB: There's also a lot of hack work in the minor roles: John Lithgow's saintly Alzheimer's patient, the angry next door neighbour, and worst of all, Franco's boss at the research facility — a cardboard villain out of a much cruddier film. The apes had more depth, although perhaps that's the point of the movie.

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Scene in brief



Michael Bublé will bring a sprinkle of Christmas cheer to television this holiday season. The crooner says he will headline a holiday variety special on NBC in December. The show will be produced by Ben Silverman of *The Office* and *Saturday Night Live* mastermind Lorne Michaels.

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Lost Hitchcock film *The White Shadow* from 1923 discovered in New Zealand

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The Change Up

Genre: Comedy

Director: David Dobkin

Stars: Jason Bateman, Ryan Reynolds, Olivia Wilde

The Change Up, a new comedy starring Ryan Reynolds and Jason Bateman as best friends who

switch personalities, feels as though it switched directors midway through.

The first hour is all gross out — baby endangements, diaper hijinks and pregnant sex kittens — but into the second hour the characters not only start respecting one

another, but the audience as well. It's still pretty outrageous stuff, but it has far more heart than the first half and the "I can't believe they just did that" laughs morph into genuine laughs based on the story and characters.

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While she's lent her musical talents to films before, Grammy-winning singer Mary J. Blige wanted the *Living Proof*, her contribution to *The Help*, to be more than a mere soundtrack listing.

Based on Kathryn Stockett's best-selling novel of the same name, the *Help* captures the essence of 1960s Jackson, Miss., chronicling the relationships between three very different women who come together around a secret writing project that puts them all at risk.

"I saw a screening of the movie twice," Blige ex-

plains.

"By the time we got to the studio, the song was almost written."

And while the song intertwines thematically with the film, it's still an intensely personal piece for Blige. "It means everything to me," she says of the tune. "It means I know exactly where I'm going. I know what lies ahead for me. I know that my journey continues because it's been so rough here that to have any life, I have to have the courage to keep moving."

And moving forward is something Blige excels at, starting with moving from music into acting. Having already made several television and film appear-

ances, most recently in Tyler Perry's *I Can Do Bad All By Myself*, Blige is currently shooting *Rock of Ages*.

Describing her casting in the Broadway smash-turned-movie as "a blessing," Blige plays Justice, "a gentlemen's club owner — a very nice strip club owner," she says.

Blige is taking her new career seriously, working with an acting coach to hone her skills. "I'm improving," she says modestly.

While she says music has given her great confidence in life, "acting is just the opposite. It says to me, 'You've got a lot of work to do.'

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► From left, Emma Stone, Octavia Spencer and Viola Davis star in *The Help*.

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TV picks

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A look at the man behind the music

RAY CHARLES. Jamie Foxx earned raves for his uncanny portrayal of legendary musician Ray Charles in Ray.

Airing Friday, the biopic delves into the singer's childhood hardships, problems with drugs and women, as well as the monumental achievements that would make him an icon in music and civil rights. (BET)

Ain't lust grand

LET THE HOOKUPS BEGIN. Yet another romantic sitcom about a group of singletons joins the lineup on Friday night, this time it's Friends With Benefits.

Party Down dad Ryan Hansen stars as picky Ben, who is on the hunt for the perfect woman while sleeping with his best friend, Sara, played by Danneel Ackles of One Tree Hill. It's got a promising pedigree — the writers penned the 2009 indie

hit 500 Days of Summer — but has reportedly gone through significant retooling since being picked up more than a year ago. Back-to-back episodes air tonight, starting with the pilot. (NBC)

Finding love in a time of war

COLD MOUNTAIN. Fans of old-fashioned love stories should find plenty to swoon over in Anthony Minghella's star-studded Cold Mountain, a sweeping romance set in the final days of the U.S. Civil War airing Saturday.

Jude Law stars as a wounded Confederate soldier who abandons his duties to make his way home to his sweetheart, played by Nicole Kidman.

Renee Zellweger plays a spunky farm hand while White Stripes rocker Jack White appears as a mandolin player who catches her eye. (Bravo)

Drug dealing is risky business

BREAKING BAD. The high stakes drama continues Sunday on Breaking Bad with the cartel gaining the upper hand.

Meanwhile, Walt and Skyler share a secret with the family and Jesse's activities draw unwanted attention. (AMC)

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The Glee Project: Boot camp for the big league

► Up and coming singers compete for guest stint on Glee

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No one has been named the next star of Glee just yet, but the contestants on The Glee Project already feel like bona fide celebrities.

Earlier this week, the final six singers walked the red carpet at NBC Universal's Television Critics Association party at trendy The Bazaar by Jose Andres in Los Angeles; and each of them looked every bit a star, too.

"It was amazing," contestant Alex Newell gushed during an interview. "We all love to perform, but to get recognized for what we do and what we love to do is amazing. I know that I loved it, and I know that everybody loved to be on a red carpet for the first time too."

The downside of fame via a reality competition, however, is that only one contestant wins the grand prize of a seven-episode guest stint on Glee.

The producers admit the process of whittling down the talent pool on a weekly basis was "excruciating."

"Everyone is fit for the show, which made our decision even more difficult," says mentor Zach Woodlee, who also serves as choreographer/producer on Glee.

"We actually had to look at this show as a trial and sort of a boot camp to get people Season 3 ready. So



► Shown are the Season 1 contestants of The Glee Project, from left: Damian, Alex, Ellis, Bryce, Emily, McKynleigh, Marissa, Samuel, Lindsay, Ellis, Matheus, Hannah and Cameron.

each week it was who is raising the bar. We would sit there and be like, 'Who is making the most progress in this week?' It's who was ready to be at Season 3 quality of our cast on the scripted show."

So is there any chance more than one competitor might wind up walking the halls of McKinley High?

"Ultimately that's up to [Glee creator] Ryan Murphy," mentor Robert J. Ulrich says. "But they're all wonderful enough to have that chance; and as a casting director, I would keep them in mind for everything else that I do."

Gleek clique

► The Glee Project airs Sundays at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT on Slice.

► Early dropout: Cameron Mitchell left the competition as he was uncomfortable with the sexual situations he may have had to portray on Glee.

► Mitchell says he doesn't regret his choice to return home: "To some people it might seem like a hasty decision. But it was something that I truly felt in my heart," he says.

TV show learned its lesson

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CBS didn't bring the cast and producers of Two and a Half Men to the Television Critics Association press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif., this week because "they're in production," CBS Entertainment President Nina Tassler told journalists, who audibly groaned at that excuse (numerous other shows "in production" managed to attend).

Instead, Tassler fielded questions about the show, offering praise for new lead Ashton Kutcher and sharing lessons learned from the Charlie Sheen debacle.

Tassler announced Kutcher will play Walden Schmidt on Two and a Half Men, an "Internet billionaire with a broken heart."

Walden will be introduced in a two-part episode airing over two weeks, Tassler said. She refused to confirm or deny rumours that the season premiere will involve a funeral for Sheen's character. Tassler touted the "mystery" surrounding the exit/entrance of Sheen and Kutcher's characters, saying the network has high hopes that these episodes will be "an event" and draw viewers.



► Ashton Kutcher

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The return of the supergroup

► When big-name musicians join forces in a band, the result can be 'irresistible'



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At first glance, Mick Jagger, New Kids on the Block and Ben Harper may not appear to have much in common, but in fact, they have lately been making music bigger than their own. All three have recently joined supergroups, bands comprising members from other already established acts.

"Music has gotten so compartmentalized and put into genres," says guitarist Dave Stewart, who is best known as the guitarist for the Eurythmics, and now as part of SuperHeavy, a supergroup that includes him, Mick Jagger, Joss Stone, Damian Marley and A.R. Rahman.

"Mick was saying we'll go into the iTunes library as 'unclassifiable.'

Paul Levinson, professor of communication and media studies at Fordham University in New York, says putting dominant personalities from various groups will always be exciting for audiences.

"Fans very often love one or two members of a group more than the others, and when those members from different groups get together and form one supergroup, it's almost irresistible," he says.

Stewart says one element that makes SuperHeavy work is that the members come from such diverse backgrounds. But how about if you form a supergroup based on acts who are influenced by each other?

Metro spoke with Lou Pearlman, founder of the Backstreet Boys. Currently serving up to 25 years in a



► The Backstreet Boys — a supergroup of the past.

Texas prison for running a Ponzi scheme that denied investors of \$300 million, he seemed happy to talk.

"Backstreet Boys and New Kids on the Block — that was a marriage made in heaven," he says. "Backstreet Boys tailored themselves to the New Kids' style when I was helping to get it

all together. ... Not in every group does everybody shine to be, say, the heartthrob, but there's always one, the quirky one, or there's one that's the very musically talented one or the great singer or things like that, and you take those key people, put them together and join it and you forge a new

group — and that's how you make a supergroup."

Stewart says there's one important rule when you're a part of a supergroup.

"Everybody's got to check their egos at the door," he says. "That's partly why people like it, because it's like, 'Oh good. I don't have to be in charge.'"

Timeline

Super moments in super-group history

1956

Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee

Lewis start the bidding with the Million Dollar Quartet.

1968

Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young combine members of the

Byrds, Buffalo Springfield and the Hollies.

1969

Blind Faith features Eric Clapton and Ginger Baker from Cream, along with Steve Winwood.

1988

Traveling Wilburys are Bob Dylan, George Harrison, Tom Petty, Roy Orbison and Jeff Lynne.

2002

Slash puts together Velvet

Revolver, including Weiland from Stone Temple Pilots.

2009

Them Crooked Vultures: John Paul Jones of Led Zeppelin, Dave Grohl of Foo Fighters and Josh Homme of Queens of the Stone Age.

A NEW MUSICAL TERM FOR THE OED

SOUND CHECK



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It's not exactly a beach read, but I just finished a fascinating book called *Reading the OED* by Ammon Shea, who spent a year reading all 21,730 pages of the Oxford English Dictionary.

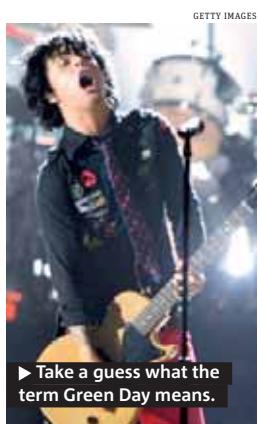
Along the way I learned such wonderful un-spellcheck-friendly words

as acnestis (the point on your back you can't reach to scratch), cacchinator (a person who laughs too much) and keck (the sound you make just before you vomit).

As a writer, I am fond of words — so fond, in fact, that I invented one once. Or at least I helped.

The study of words is called etymology. If you study the origin of the names, that's called onomastics. Exploring the origins of place names is toponymy. And if you're interested in working out the origins of personal names, you're engaged in anthroponomastics.

While working on a radio documentary about the origins of band names, I found that there was no such word for that field of



► Take a guess what the term Green Day means.

mateotechny (an unprofitable science).

This was unconscionable. Many books have been written about how bands got their names. How could this discipline itself be nameless?

I decided to consult some real onomasticists.

I called Dr. Sheila Embleton, a professor of linguistics at York University. She consulted some of her word-wise colleagues around the world, including Mark Hershon, whose team invented such brand names as BlackBerry, OnStar, Swiffer and Febreze.

After some conference calls, the learned word boffins came back to me with their conclusions. No, they confirmed, the English language did not feature a word that described the study of the origins of band names.

And yes, they had come up with a solution. Academic investigations into the origins of band names or those adopted for professional purposes

by musical performers shall forever be known as bandomynology.

This means that whenever you explain the roots of the name Black Sabbath (taken from the name of a 1963 Boris Karloff film), Green Day (a term describing a day spent smoking joints) or Foo Fighters (from the French feu and relating to a Second World War squadron of UFO-chasing pilots), you're engaged in bandomynology.

The latest online version of the OED is currently being edited. To get bandomynology included, it has to appear in print (like this) and preferably used by other people in academic and/or everyday contexts.

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Lance Bass wants to get married, have kids

► Former pop star still looking for suitable partner since high profile split

Marriage is definitely part of the plan for former N'Sync star Lance Bass.

"I definitely want that. I'm a Southerner. We dream of having the family and the kids, and the parents want grandkids, that's all they care about; 'Give me some grandbabies,'" he tells the Daily Beast.

But first he has to find a boyfriend. While he's been spotted with more than a few men on his arm since his breakup with Reichen Lehmkuhl in 2006, the unidentified beau he's seeing now is the closest he's come to something serious, he insists.

"I haven't had a boyfriend in four years. But now it's getting there."

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Transporter star buys Stiller's house

Jason Statham is looking to settle down, and he's found just the place.

The Transporter star purchased Ben Stiller's \$11.5 million Hollywood Hills home, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

The 10-bedroom Mediterranean-style home with guest house near the Hollywood Bowl was originally listed for \$12.5 million in 2009, but Stiller and wife Christine Taylor re-listed it for \$1 million less.

Statham, who is dating Transformers: Dark of the

Moon star Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, recently sold a nearby bachelor pad for \$2.7 million, according to the Daily Mail.

Ben and his actress wife Christine Taylor originally bought the home for \$1.825 million in December 1999.

Sources previously revealed Jason, 43, was keen to move as his former home was very masculine and he wanted something to represent both him and Rosie, 23, who he has been dating since last year.

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► Jason Statham

Celebrity tweets

Talking points

Osbourne calls out Aguilera for past insults

HOLDING A GRUDGE. Kelly Osbourne doesn't mince words when it comes to Christina Aguilera. On a recent episode of E!'s Fashion Police, while mocking Aguilera's outfit, Osbourne unloaded.

"Maybe she is just becoming the fat bitch she was born to be," Osbourne said.

The anger apparently comes from personal history.

"She called me fat for so many f-ing years. So you know what? F— you! You're fat, too."

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"I'm tired. I wish I could brush my teeth and wash my face in my bed. Why are there not bed-sinks yet?"

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"Is it illegal to peel moronic bumper stickers off other peoples vehicles? If it's not, it might be my new full time job. Idiots beware."

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"Traumatic moments happened to you - you just don't realize it b/c there was no scary music playing!"

of some very famous friends, is by exploring a music career.

"Beyoncé Knowles and Jay-Z — they think that I should just go do it by myself. That I should go in a studio and see what happens," she says.

"And if it's good, do it. And if it's not, don't. So that's probably what I'll do."

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Paltrow looks to change image

TRYING MUSIC Gwyneth Paltrow is looking to shake up her image.

"It's good to shock people who think of me as the prim Gwyneth Paltrow," she tells Elle magazine.

One way she's looking to do that, under the guidance



The art of mix & match

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If you're a fan of single varietal wines (those made with just one grape), it's time for some tough liquid love. Many (and by many I mean most) wines that display one grape on their label are made from a juice blend.

But there's no need to riot. The laws of almost all wine producing countries allow for the mingling of fruit to balance flavour. What's typically displayed on the front panel is the primary grape which is usually more than 85 per cent of the union.

The French certainly love the idea of mixing grapes. The wines of Champagne are nearly always a blend of at least two, while wine-makers in the Rhone Valley's famed Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation can have their way with more than 13 to come up with their final cuvée.

The Aussies' have mastered the mega blend with wines like Peter Lehmann's 2008 Layers Red (\$16.99 - \$19.99) a bright berry mash of shiraz, tempranillo, carignane, mourvèdre and grenache that's red meat ready. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS CANADA. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**



Grill for meat lovers & herbivores

- This weekend, make veggies the main dish & use meat as an accent
- Food Network star Guy Fieri offers a recipe for a grilled romaine salad

A salad should be chopped in the kitchen, not at the table. That's the advice of Food Network star Guy Fieri, who prefers salads made from bite-size pieces. "A good salad shouldn't require a knife," he said.

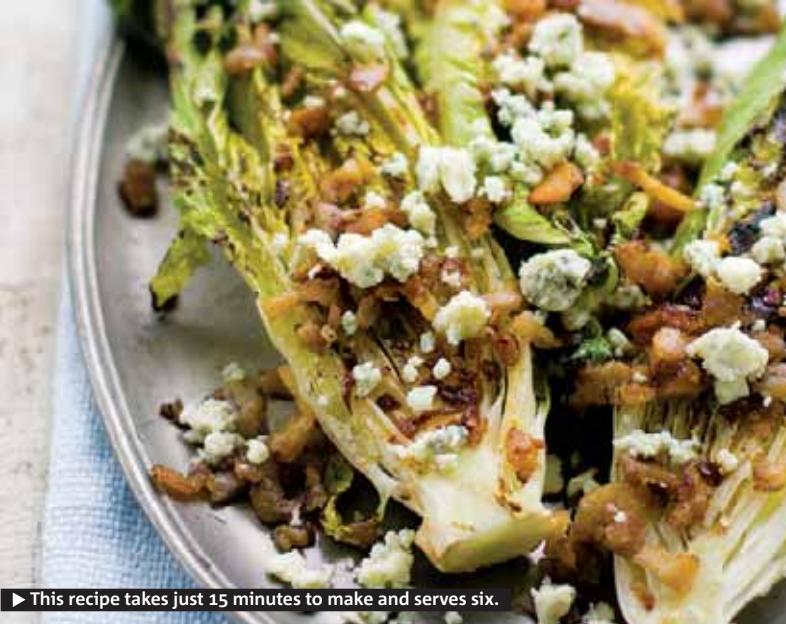
However it does require a salad spinner, or some other means of drying the greens. One of Fieri's salad turnoffs is wet lettuce. "It needs to be rinsed and dried," he said.

Here, Fieri offers an intense salad of grilled romaine lettuce.

"The sweet flavour of the romaine comes out when you char it on the grill," he said. "Hit it with the balsamic vinaigrette, bacon, onion and blue cheese and you have a nice balance of sweet and savory flavours."

Preparation:

1 Heat a grill to high. In a skillet over high, heat 15 ml (1 tbsp) of olive oil. Add onion and bacon and cook until bacon is crispy, about 10 minutes. Use slotted spoon to transfer onion and bacon to plate. Return skillet to heat and add the balsamic vinegar and 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the olive oil. Bring to a simmer, then cook



► This recipe takes just 15 minutes to make and serves six.

to reduce for 2 minutes. Remove from heat.

2 Brush romaine with remaining 30 ml (2 tbsp) of olive oil, then season with salt and pepper. Place on grill cut side down and quickly sear until grill marks are visible. Set aside.

3 For each serving, place half a head of romaine

cut side up on a plate and drizzle the balsamic dressing. Sprinkle with blue cheese and the ba-

con and onion mixture, then season with black pepper.

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Ingredients:

- 60 ml (4 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) finely diced red onion
- 250 g (1/2 pound) bacon, diced into small pieces
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) balsamic vinegar
- 3 romaine lettuce heads, halved lengthwise, cores removed, leafy ends trimmed
- Salt and black pepper
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) crumbled blue cheese

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A carrot-packed treat that poses as a cookie

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Preparation:

- 1 Heat oven to 190 C (375 F). Lightly coat 2 large baking sheets with cooking spray.
- 2 In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda, rolled oats, cinnamon, ginger, cloves and nutmeg.
- 3 In a second medium bowl, combine egg whites, brown sugar, oil,

pineapple, milk and vanilla.

- 4 Add liquid ingredients to dry ingredients, then stir to combine. Stir in raisins, carrots and walnuts.
- 5 Drop by the tablespoonfuls onto prepared cookie sheets, leaving 5 cm (2 inches) between them. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden around edges and slightly firm to the touch.

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Ingredients:

- 250 ml (1 cup) white whole-wheat flour
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) baking soda
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) rolled oats
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cinnamon
- 5 ml (1 tsp) dry ginger
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cloves
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground nutmeg
- 2 egg whites
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) dark
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) vegetable or canola oil
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) drained crushed pineapple
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) fat-free milk
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vanilla extract
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- 125 ml (1/2 cup) chopped walnuts

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- 1 Preheat oven to 230 C (450 F).
- 2 In bowl, mix flour, brown sugar, baking powder and salt. Add butter to mix and, using fingertips, work

butter into mix until it looks like coarse meal. Add diced peaches and Skor bits and mix.

- 3 In a separate bowl, whisk eggs and cream; add peach mixture, stirring to combine.

- 4 Scrape dough onto a floured board and lightly knead to bring dough together. Don't over-knead. Roll into a 2.5-cm (1-inch) thick slab and cut dough with a round 7.5-cm (3-inch) cookie cutter. Place on a parchment-covered or non-stick baking sheet and bake for 10 to 15 minutes until golden brown and firm to the touch. Serve warm with butter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS / ONTARIO TENDER FRUIT PRODUCERS



Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) all-purpose flour
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) brown sugar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) baking powder
- Pinch sea salt
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) unsalted butter, cold, cut into pieces
- 500 ml (2 cups) locally grown diced peaches
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- 2 large eggs
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Lawrie's leaving Las Vegas



► Tampa Bay rookie Robinson Chirinos leaps off of first base Thursday after his game-winning, 12th-inning hit against Toronto.

Rays rookies rally

The rookies were major contributors in Tampa Bay Thursday, helping the Rays come back twice in extra innings to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 7-6.

► Brandon Jennings' solo homer in the 10th made it

4-4. Robinson Chirinos tied it again in the 11th with a two-out, pinch-hit single up the middle against Shawn Camp (1-2), then won it with another two-out single in the 12th.

► The Blue Jays took a brief lead in the 10th when Colby Rasmus delivered an RBI double for his biggest hit

since being acquired from St. Louis. Reliever Jon Rauch blew a save chance in the bottom half when Jennings hit a leadoff homer.

► Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 33rd home run for Toronto, a solo shot off Wade Davis that made it 3-3 in the eighth.

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► Jose Bautista bumped back to right field to make room for young third baseman from Langley, B.C.

Canadian third baseman Brett Lawrie will soon make his long-awaited debut with the Toronto Blue Jays.

The team selected his contract from triple-A Las Vegas shortly after the Jays dropped a 7-6, 12-inning decision to the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday afternoon.

"We wanted to get him some August at-bats to get a little bit more of a read on him, so he deserved to be up here," general manager Alex Anthopoulos said on a conference call.

Outfielder Travis Snider is the odd man out and he was sent back down to the triple-A club.

"It was not an easy decision to make," said Anthopoulos. "It really came down to (rookie right-fielder) Eric Thames and Travis. (Manager John Farrell) and I talked about it at length and player performance is really what it came down to."

Snider has hit .225 in 49 games this season with three home runs and 30 RBIs. Thames is hitting .272 in his first season in the majors with 22 RBIs and five home runs in 46 games.

"When you look at the numbers and the performances to date, they both haven't done all that well in the last week or so," said Anthopoulos. "Eric Thames is probably a little bit ahead of (Snider) in July, but on the season, over-

"We wanted to find out about Brett Lawrie sooner rather than later."

JAYS GM ALEX ANTHOPOULOS

all, Eric's played a little bit better than Travis."

Anthopoulos said Thames would move to left field and the newly acquired Colby Rasmus will stay in centre.

The Blue Jays also recalled left-hander Luis Perez from Las Vegas and placed right-hander Carlos Villanueva on the 15-day disabled list with a right forearm strain.

The 21-year-old Lawrie has hit .353 for Las Vegas this season with 18 home runs and 61 RBIs. The top prospect was acquired from the Milwaukee Brewers last December in the Shaun Marcum trade.

"You know you're not going to be 100 per cent sure. Like I always say, the likelihood with all young players is that they're probably going to have to go back down, but at least you want to do the best you can developmentally to prepare them for being up here," Anthopoulos said.

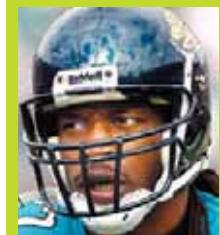
"Hopefully now with Brett he can be up here to stay for the entire year."

The Blue Jays continue their road trip Friday with the opener of a weekend series against the Baltimore Orioles.

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"We have to see if we agree with the test. If we agree with the test, then it's legit. If not, they have to come up with another one."

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Woods off to strong start

Tiger Woods appeared to face a big test Thursday in his return to golf.

It was a 3-wood around the trees on the 658-yard 16th hole at Firestone that required him to go at it hard, cut short his back swing to produce the sharp fade, then let the momentum of his motion carry his body forward with an awkward step.

Only it didn't feel like that big of a deal to Woods.

"I was just trying to hit a cut," he said. "I didn't feel any problem with that."

His only concern in the Bridgestone Invitational was that he hit the ball too flush and too far. He still managed three birdies, including a 30-foot putt on the 16th hole, that carried him to a 2-under 68 and sent a strong statement that his leg was as healthy as he thought.

"It feels great," Woods said. "As anybody who's been off and who's been injured, first time back it's a little nervous to see what happens. But my practice sessions were good, so there's no reason why I should be worried out there."

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A-Rod shows his poker face

► Yankees slugger not talking about league's investigation of his links to illegal gambling

Alex Rodriguez refused to discuss a Major League Baseball investigation into his involvement in illegal poker games, ending an interview Thursday with a one-word answer.

The New York Yankees had said the injured star would stop his post-workout media session at the team's minor-league training complex if any reporter posed an non-baseball question.

Rodriguez spoke for several minutes about his recovery from knee surgery. But when asked if he would not discuss the poker games, he said "yep" and walked to his car.

Rodriguez's publicist, however, said the slugging third baseman was looking forward to co-operating with MLB in its poker probe.

Star Magazine reported last month that several people saw A-Rod playing in games hosted at Hollywood hotels and residences.

Richard Rubenstein, Rodriguez's publicist, said in a statement Thursday morning that the Star's story contains "numerous factual inaccuracies."

Rodriguez said it will take a few days to get a

timeframe for rejoining the Yankees.

"I think I'll have a much better indication over the next 48 hours," he said.

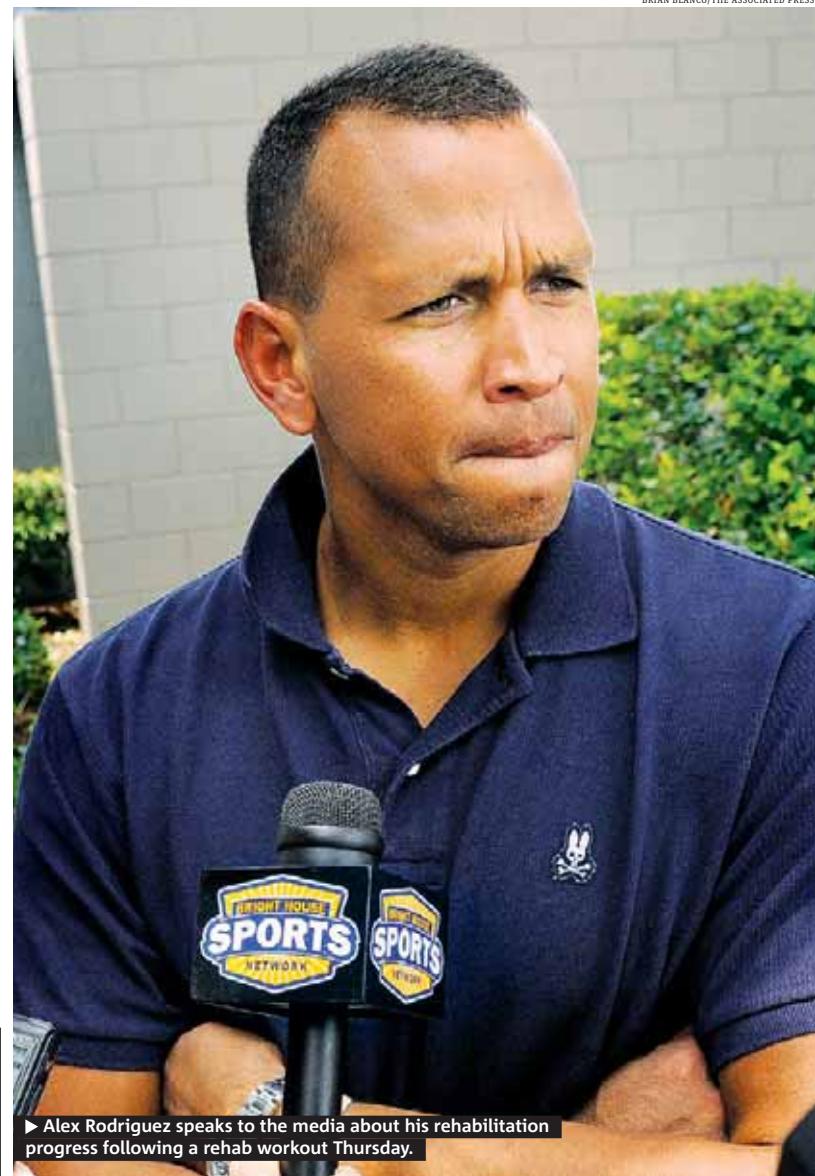
"I'm curious to see how my body reacts, responds tomorrow. Tomorrow and the next day will be a good indication."

The 36-year-old Rodriguez arrived at the Yankees' minor-league complex just before noon, pulling up in his Mercedes and waving to a group of 25 or so fans before entering the building.

This was his first on-field activity since having right knee surgery July 14. He worked out for a half-hour, doing light running, playing catch, taking grounders and hitting in the batting cage off a tee and against a soft toss. He wore a light brace on the knee and showed no signs of difficulty moving. Rodriguez then went inside to ice the knee and run in the pool.

"I feel good. A good day today. Encouraging first day out there on the field and felt pretty good," said Rodriguez, who signed autographs before talking to the media outside the complex.

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► Alex Rodriguez speaks to the media about his rehabilitation progress following a rehab workout Thursday.

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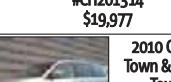
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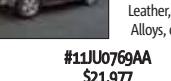
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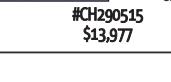
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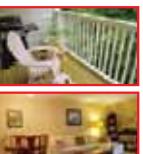
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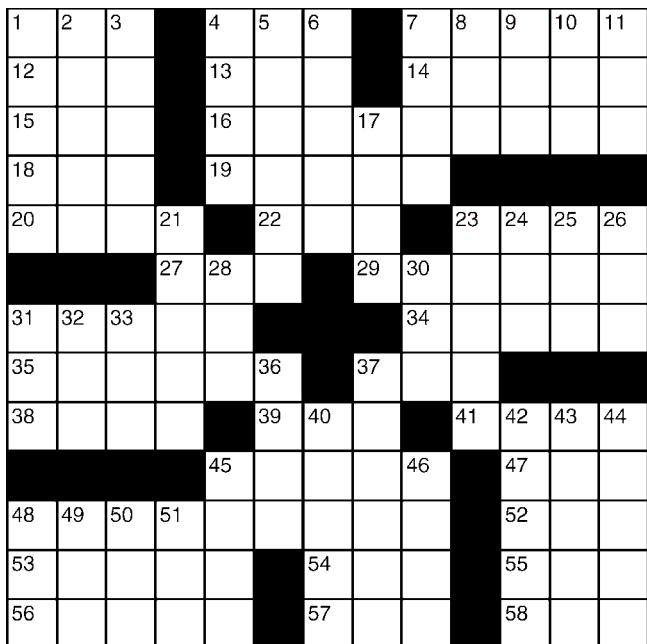
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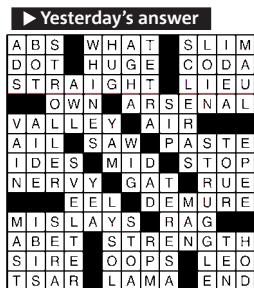
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18 Society page word
19 With unfriendliness
20 Snare, e.g.
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25 Make up your
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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 If you want to resolve a dispute, you'll have to bring opposing parties together so they can have their say.

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♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If an idea pops into your head out of nowhere today, you must follow it through to its conclusion.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 You like to indulge in life's little luxuries and you will certainly get the opportunity to do so today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 There is something you must deal with but you keep putting it off because it may be unpleasant. Suck it up.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You have the right, even the duty, to speak your mind, whatever the consequences might be.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 A chance to move up in the world will soon be coming your way.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec.

21 Anyone who does not want to hear the truth had better stay out of your way today.

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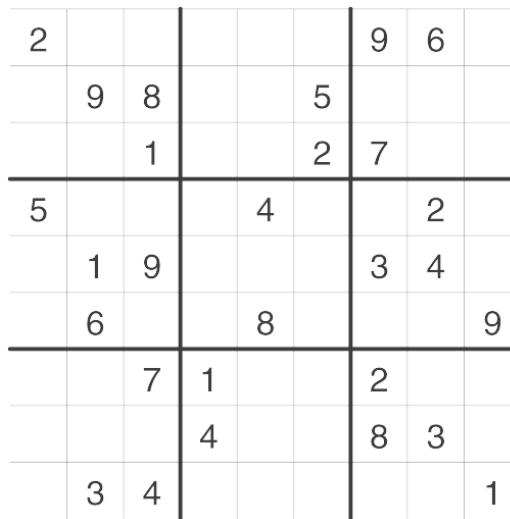
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